

WHAT OUR EXCHANGES SAY.

TOO TRUE.

The South will never prosper while labor is dissatisfied, restless and not in the least identified with the country.—*Southern Independent.*

LET HIM DRAW.

Fred Douglass, "the grand old man," still draws his salary of \$500 a month as Register of Deeds in the District of Columbia.—*Living Way.*

CORRECT VIEW OF IT.

Negro journalism, to be a power must be trustworthy. It should give the news truthfully and impartially, but it must have a constituency, and the race should sustain it when in the right. Its great foe is illiteracy.—*Indianapolis World.*

AN HONEST MAN.

Mr. R. S. Smith, the brilliant "Washington" correspondent, and one of the most efficient clerks in the Treasury Department, has been discharged. Thus the fallacy of civil service reform is again made apparent. We hope Mr. Smith will leave Washington and come back to Florida, engage in business and "grow up" with this progressive State.—*Southern Leader.*

VERY KIND.

It was a most kindly and graceful thought upon the part of Secretary Whitney to invite the employees of the Navy Department and their families to spend the Fourth at his country seat Grasslands. The invitation was very generally accepted and the day was most delightfully spent, hospitality extended being of the most generous and varied description.—*The News.*

THEY SAY SO.

The Republicans controlled the Government for nearly a quarter of a century. They turned the Government over to the Democratic party, that came into power solely on the plea that the Republican party was corrupt. Now after nearly eighteen months of full control of the Government the Democrats have utterly failed to make good their assertions of fraud. Will the Democrats be able to turn the books over to the Republicans in 1889 in as good condition?—*The Republic.*

IT IS A BASE LIE.

A number of high class Afro-American gentlemen who now cut a considerable figure in society circles at the capital of the nation are indebted to the Freedmen's Bank in sums ranging all the way from \$60 to \$600. Mr. Robert Purvis, of Philadelphia, has a list of these "honorable creditors," and is in possession of much valuable information respecting their methods of doing business with the bank. He tells me that one party with a great name overdraw his account to the amount of \$600, while the amount of his deposit was less than \$100. Of course these honest (?) men will settle their accounts with the bank when called upon to do so, or send the amounts to the conscience fund.—*New York Enterprise.*

PROGRAM OF THE NATIONAL PRESS CONVENTION, AUGUST 3, 1886, 2 P. M., ATLANTIC CITY, NEW JERSEY.

Afternoon.

1. Opening Exercises.
2. Appointment of Committee on Credentials.
3. Short Addresses.
4. Report of Committee on Credentials.
5. Election of Officers.

Night.

1. Opening Exercises.
2. Installation of Officers.
3. Discussion, "The Future Relation of the Negro to Existing Parties."

SYMPOSIUM.

- T. T. Fortune, New York Freeman.
A. F. Bradley, Chicago Observer.
Jno. W. Cromwell, People's Advocate.
J. A. Arneaux, New York Enterprise.
L. A. Martinet, Louisiana Standard.
J. H. Keeble, Free Lance.
R. R. Wright, Weekly Sentinel.

Papers, fifteen minutes each. SECOND DAY.

Morning.

1. Reports of Committees. Discussions thereon.
2. Other Business.

Afternoon.

1. Reports of Committees continued. Discussions thereon.
2. Routine Business.

Night.

1. Public Meeting. Invited guests to speak on any topic of interest.

COMMITTEES:

"On the Religious, Educational and Social Status of the colored People."

Southwestern Advocate, Louisiana, Chairman; Georgia Baptist, Georgia; Christian Recorder, Pennsylvania; Gold Eagle, Tennessee; Alumnus, Pennsylvania; Western Baptist Herald, Iowa; Christian Star, Texas; Christian Index, Mississippi; Star of Zion, North Carolina; Afro-American Churchman, Virginia; Pioneer, Texas; People's Journal, Florida.

"Southern Outrages:"

Washington Bee, District Columbia, Chairman; Planet, Virginia; Sun, Arkansas; Atlanta Defender, Georgia; Gate City Press, Missouri; Boston Advocate, Massachusetts; Baptist Advocate, Louisiana; Baptist Standard, North Carolina; Virginia Critic, Virginia; Knights of Wise Men, Tennessee; Ohio Falls Express, Kentucky.

"Industrial Education:"

Western Appeal, Minnesota, Chairman; St. Louis Advance, Missouri; Memphis Watchman, Tennessee; Arkansas Review, Arkansas; American Baptist, Kentucky; Phoenix, Georgia; St. Mary's Herald, Louisiana; Southern Independence, Alabama; Maryland Director, Maryland.

"Labor:"

Detroit Plaindealer, Michigan, Chairman; Light House, Texas; Cleveland Globe, Ohio; Living Way, Tennessee; Baptist Pioneer, Alabama; Southern Leader, Florida; Chattanooga Tribune, Tennessee; Baptist Beacon, Ohio; Golden Epoch, Arkansas; Lynchburgh Laborer, Virginia; Baptist Monitor, Kentucky.

"Journalism:"

A. M. E. Review, Pennsylvania, Chairman; Cleveland Gazette, Ohio; Denver Sun, Colorado; Indianapolis World, Indiana; Baptist Companion, Virginia; Journal of the Lodge, Louisiana; Elevator, California; Cairo Gazette, Illinois; Progressive American, New York; Baptist Preacher, Texas.

"Resolutions and Business:"

National Monitor, New York, Chairman; Arkansas Mansion, Arkansas; Virginia Lancet, Virginia; Chicago Conservator, Illinois; Chattanooga Times, Tennessee; The Soldier's Re-Union, Kentucky; Texas Press, Texas.

From personal correspondence with the speakers, chairmen and other members, and the sanction of all concerned, the program is sent forth and the convention will meet at the time and place mentioned.

Let the chairmen communicate with the members of their committees, and let the reports be fully compiled, considerably digested so that they will be of permanent value as the expression of the colored editors of the United States. Thus prepared before hand by correspondence, there will be little to do in the preparation of reports, and more time can be given to the discussions, without depleting the meetings of frequent adjournments. The chairmen will be expected to make 15 minute speeches in the presentation of the report.

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